ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, IOWA DEPARTMENT OF [261]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)"b."

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code sections 15.104 and 15.106, the Iowa Department of Economic Development gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 71, "Targeted Jobs Withholding Tax Credit Program," Iowa Administrative Code.

The proposed amendments:

- Add definitions of "employer's taxable capital investment" and "local financial support."
- Require the total amount of awarded withholding tax credits to be stated in the withholding agreement.
- Establish a limit on the total amount of withholding tax credits awarded based upon the total dollar amount of qualifying investment in the project.
- Prohibit the entering of a withholding agreement by an employer not located within a pilot project city when another Iowa community competes for the same project.
 - Extend until 2013 the ability of a pilot project city to enter into a withholding agreement.
 - Clarify required components of a withholding agreement and local match requirements.
- Require base employment to be established by the business at the time of submission of an application.
 - Establish the Department's review authority to approve a withholding agreement application.
- Modify reporting requirements of pilot project cities and require annual verification by the Department.

Written public comments concerning the proposed amendments will be accepted until 4:30 p.m. on July 7, 2009. Interested persons may submit written comments to Stoney B. Harris, Iowa Department of Economic Development, 200 East Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309; telephone (515)242-4735; or E-mail stoney.harris@iowalifechanging.com.

The Department will hold a public hearing to accept public comments on July 7, 2009, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the ICN Main Conference Room at the Iowa Department of Economic Development, 200 E. Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

These amendments were also Adopted and Filed Emergency and are published herein as **ARC 7848B**. The content of that submission is incorporated by reference.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code section 403.19A as amended by 2009 Iowa Acts, Senate File 304.